## **Introduced by Senator Kuehl**

February 22, 2006

An act to amend Section 35625 of the Public Resources Code, relating to natural resources.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1434, as amended, Kuehl. Natural resources: ocean protection: consultants.

The California Ocean Protection Act establishes the Ocean Protection Council to coordinate activities of state agencies that are related to, among other things, protection and conservation of coastal waters and ocean ecosystems.

This bill would authorize the council to contract with consultants, to provide specified services, to the extent funds are available. hire a science advisor and an executive policy officer.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:* 

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 35625 of the Public Resources Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 35625. (a) Under the direction of the Secretary of the
- 4 Resources Agency, the executive officer of the State Coastal
- 5 Conservancy shall act as secretary to the council, administer its
- 6 affairs, and provide the staff services that the council needs to

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1 carry out this division, including, but not limited to, both of the 2 following:

- (1) Administering grants and expenditures authorized by the council from the fund or other sources, including, but not limited to, block grants from other state boards, commissions, or departments.
- (2) Arranging meetings, agendas, and other administrative functions in support of the council.
- (b) The Legislature may make appropriations to be used for the purposes of this division directly to the State Coastal Conservancy, for expenditures authorized by the council.
- (c) The council may—contract for consultants to provide educational, scientific, or administrative services to the extent funds are available. hire a science advisor and an executive policy officer.